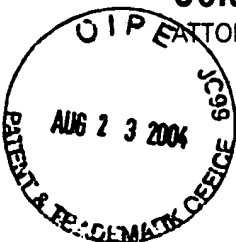




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1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
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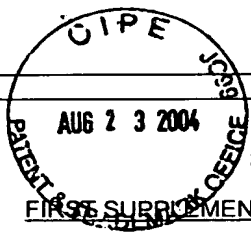
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